

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-1205
Wiseburg School #5
810 Wiseburg Road
Wiseburg, Baltimore County
1876 Ca.
Private

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Set on a random rubble stone foundation, the wood frame school building rises one story in height. Clad in vinyl siding, the façade or north elevation is three bays wide with a centered entry flanked by elongated 6/6 windows. The entry consists of a single-leaf metal door with six panels and a shed roof portico with square, wood post supports. The school has a front gable roof with standing seam metal cladding, above which rises a concrete block exterior end chimney. Set into the side of a hill, the rear of the building, which is slightly wider than the main block, has an English basement with exterior access to the lower level. On the rear of the school, there is a one-story wood frame addition with vinyl cladding and a half-hipped roof. There is also a non-historic shed, which dates to the last quarter of the 20th century. The shed is set on wood post foundation and is constructed of wood frame with plywood cladding.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-1205

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Wiseburg School #5 (preferred), Weisburg School

other

2. Location

street and number 810 Wiseburg Road not for publication

city, town Wiseburg vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Wiseburg Methodist Church

street and number 810 Wiseburg Road telephone Not Available

city, town Whitehall state MD zip code 21161

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber Not Available folio Not Available

city, town Towson tax map 17 tax parcel 89 tax ID number 0723050750

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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There is also a non-historic shed, which dates to the last quarter of the 20th century. The shed is set on wood post foundation and is constructed of wood frame with plywood cladding. Standing one story in height and three bays in width, the shed has a side gable roof of asphalt shingles. Openings include a cross-braced double-leaf wood door flanked by three-light jalousie metal windows with metal surrounds.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1876 ca., 1921 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1876 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The school is located in the seventh district, which was the largest and most populated region of the county in latter part of the 19th century. The area historically consisted of rolling hills, traversed by major transportation corridors. It was supported by the cultivation of wheat, corn, oats, fruit, dairy, and the breeding of cattle. Wiseburg was a major railroad stop for the Northern Central Railway. Located twenty-three-and-a-half miles north of Baltimore City, the community was home to about fifty people in 1881. The village of Wiseburg was established by John Wise, an emigrant from Germany who came to this county about the time of the American Revolution. The community thrived on the production of wrapping paper, which was manufactured at William Wise's paper mill.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Hereford Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Wiseburg School #5 is located at 810 Wiseburg Road in the town of Wiseburg in Baltimore County. It has been associated with tax map 17, parcel 89 since its construction circa 1876.

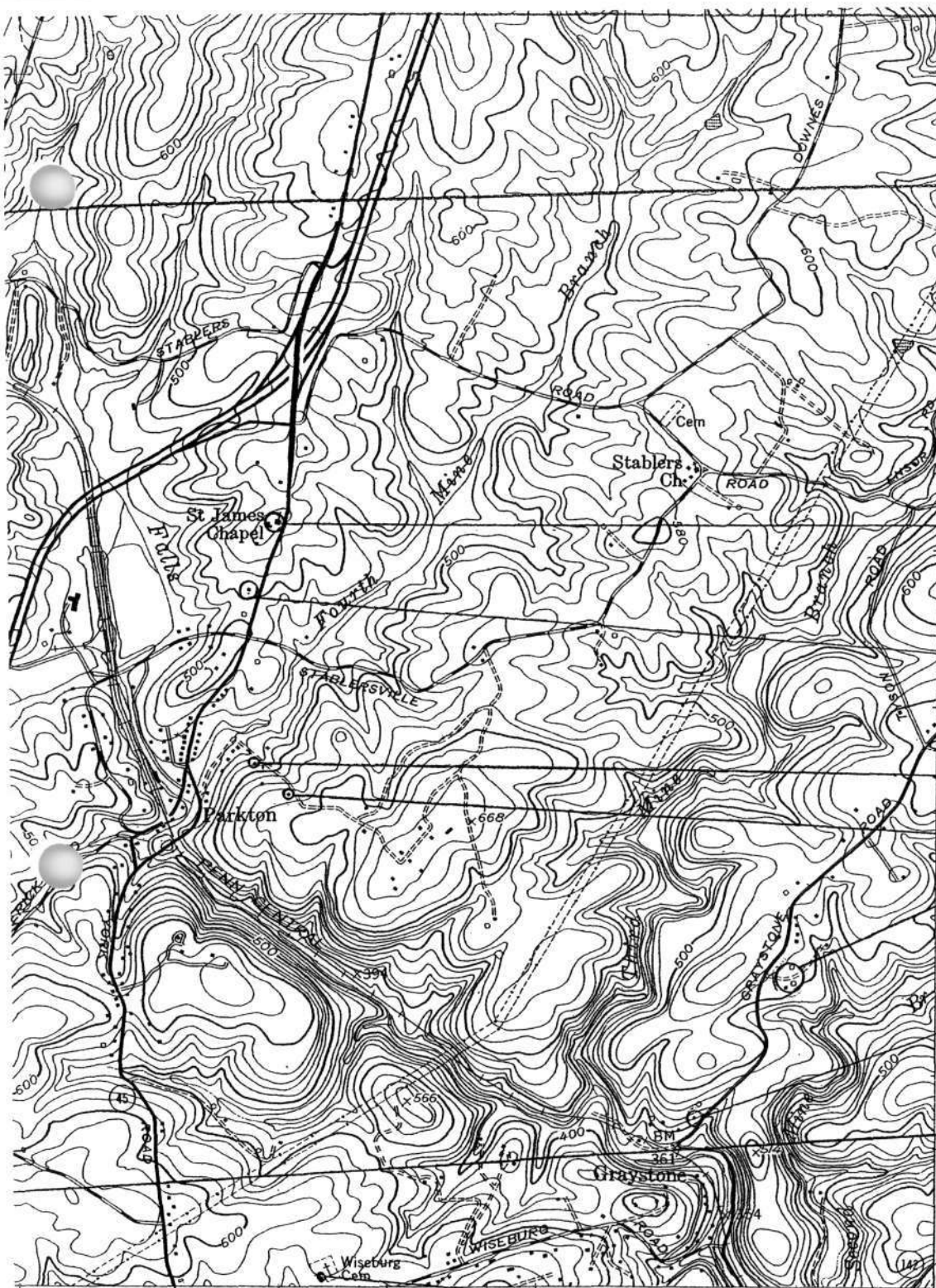
11. Form Prepared by

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BA-2898
TRACEY HOUSE
1919 CAMERON MILL ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0403
WITHERS-MORRIS HOUSE
19635 EAGLE MILL ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0998
ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
19200 YORK ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1153
CASTLE CALDER
19112 YORK ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2193
707 MILLER ROAD

BA-2194
725 MILLER ROAD

BA-2897
BURNS-BOND HOUSE
18619 GRAYSTONE ROAD
WHITE HALL
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2740
BURNS HOUSE
18404 GRAYSTONE ROAD
WHITE HALL
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0911
OLD COOPER HOUSE
1003 OLD BARN ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1142
COOPER SCHOOL #6
1012 ARMACOST ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty _____ Light-duty _____
Medium-duty _____ Unimproved dirt _____



U. S. Route



State Route



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

NEW FREEDOM, MD.-PA.

N3937.5—W7637.5/7.5

1958
PHOTOREVISED 1974
AMS 5663 II NW—SERIES V833

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1974. This information not field checked.





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WISEBURG SCHOOL NO. 5 - 1876 - No. 810 Wiseburg Road (north side), ___ mile east of York Road, Wiseburg. The second building on the site, this was a small, one-story frame structure with gable roof. Single front entrance door with small stoop and open stairs flanked by windows on each side as shown by photos during its life as a school. Five bays long. Stone foundation, walk-in basement. Clapboard covering. Acquired by the nearby Wiseburg Methodist Church in 1921. The ground was church property when acquired from the surviving trustees of Wiseburg Church in 1876; sale proceeds were to finance the second church.